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Early Minoan III period, although the majority of the Mochlos tombs with the stone vases and jewelry they contained were used in the Early Minoan II period. On page 91 the beautiful bottle with marine ornament found by Mr. Hogarth at Zakro is stated to come from Palaioakastro, and on page 167 is the declaration that "the shaft graves of Mycenae are earlier though probably not much earlier" than the Late Minoan III period. But it has long been known that some at least of the objects found in the shaft graves go back to the Middle Minoan III period. It is somewhat startling to read on page 234 that a "relief fragment" in the "British Museum Mausoleum room" is by Skopas. Many, moreover, will take exception both to the following estimate of early Melian art and to the English in which it is expressed (85-86):

And the Cretan was right if he avoided such atrocities as the dreadful procession of goggle-eyed fishermen each holding a dolphin by the tail which is seen on the "Fisherman Vase" from Phylakopi. With this masterpiece of Melian art before us, and the terrible sploidy birds in bad purple paint on a light ground . . . which ornament the queer wineskin-like Melian vases of M. C. III, it is no wonder that the Cretan conquered when he came. He had already come in M. M. II

And, lastly, in a book that bears the date 1915 it is a pity that there should not be included at least a reference to the new chryselephantine snake-goddess recently acquired by the Boston Museum.

THE MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF
PENNSYLVANIA.

EDITH HALL.

Anecdotes from Pliny's Letters. Edited, with Introduction, Notes and Vocabularies, by W. D. Lowe, Oxford: at the Clarendon Press (1913). Pp. 96. 40 cents.

This little book belongs to the series known as The Oxford Elementary Readers. In accordance with the plan of the series, it includes English-Latin exercises and an English-Latin Vocabulary, and is evidently intended for what corresponds to the second year of our High School course. In view of this intention the language of the Introduction and the Notes is a strange mixture of maturity and words of one syllable. The grammatical references are confined to the Clarendon Press Elementary Latin Grammar. The text is based upon epistles wisely chosen for their intrinsic interest and this material is simplified—beginning with sentences one long and gradually increasing in difficulty. Yet even with this simplification the availability of Pliny for beginners is debatable, for the range of his vocabulary is wide and the time spent in committing rare words at that stage is a dead loss. The English-Latin exercises are sufficiently simple, involve the vocabulary of the Latin text and are preceded by a statement of the grammatical rules illustrated in each assignment. The press work is accurate and attractive.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

W. S. MESSER.

THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF LIBERAL STUDIES

The first annual meeting of the Philadelphia Society for the Promotion of Liberal Studies was held on Saturday, March 27, at the Drexel Institute. For the programme see THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY 8. 160. A letter from Dr. Hollis Godfrey, President of Drexel Institute, and the cordial welcome which Dean Arthur Roland extended to the members showed that Drexel Institute, although standing primarily for vocational training, is a warm champion and loyal friend of the liberal studies.

Professor Dennison, President of the Society, found much of encouragement and promise in its first year of work. Through public addresses, extension lectures for Secondary Schools in Philadelphia and its vicinity, and the issue of a numbered Bulletin, a well-defined effort to develop public sentiment has been begun. The treasurer reported a membership of nearly four hundred.

Dr. Robert Ellis Thompson, Principal of Central High School, deplored "the mischievous tendency to materialism behind the condemnation of the Classics", and eloquently urged "that training which treats the child not as a creature of the present moment, but of all the centuries behind", since "the great side of man's life is not in the multitude of his possessions".

Professor G. Duncan Spaeth, of Princeton University, discussing Liberal Studies from the Standpoint of a Professor of English, held that "The cultural is the greatest value of the Classics. The aim of the liberal studies is to give ideals". Hon. Dimmer Beeber, President of the Commonwealth Title Insurance and Trust Company, speaking of the Value of Liberal Training in the Professional and Financial Worlds, said that to the lawyer the liberal studies gave accuracy in the use of words and clearness in the construction of sentences. While their effect on the man in the financial world is less direct, he continued, it is none the less real, since they alone keep him from becoming a part of the machinery with which he has to do.

The following officers were elected: President, John C. Rolfe, University of Pennsylvania; First Vice-President, Arthur L. Wheeler, Bryn Mawr College; Second Vice-President, Ellis A. Schnabel, Northeast High School; Secretary, Jessie E. Allen, High School for Girls; Treasurer, Franklin A. Dakin, Haverford School; Executive Committee, Richard M. Gummere, Haverford College, M. Gertrude Bricker, West Philadelphia High School for Girls, Lilian C. Jones, Miss Hill's School, George A. Walton, The George School, Thomas B. Prichett, Girard Trust Co., Walter Dennison, Swarthmore College.

JESSIE E. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

THE CLASSICAL CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

The 119th meeting of The Classical Club of Philadelphia was held on March 26. Professor Franklin Edgerton read a most interesting paper on The Greek and Hindu Drama. After giving an account of the wonderful complexity of the strict rules laid down by the Hindu dramaturgical text-books for the construction of dramas, and their faithful and minute observance by the dramatists, he discussed the question of Greek influence on the development of Hindu dramatic art. He concluded that there was little or no probability that such influence existed, since India possessed a well developed drama before it could well have come in contact with Greece, and since even the most striking